



# Range Review

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to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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## CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during November was 127 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 7 points (5 percent) from October but up 18 points (17 percent) from November 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index** for November was 124, down 8 points (6 percent) from last month but up 22 points (22 percent) from November 2009. December prices for all livestock were up compared to both last month and last year. **Cow** prices averaged \$53.80 per hundredweight, up \$3.20 from November and up \$11.40 from last year. **Steer and heifer** prices, at \$120.00 per

hundredweight, were up \$4.00 from November and up \$24.00 from last year's price. **Calf** prices averaged \$140.00 per hundredweight, up \$6.00 from last month and up \$26.00 from last year. **Sheep** prices came in at \$55.50 per hundredweight for the month of November. **Lamb** prices averaged \$144.00 per hundredweight for the month of November

The **All Crops Index**, at 148, was down 3 points (2 percent) from October and down 9 points (6 percent) from last November. December hay prices were up compared to last month. All hay prices were down compared to last year. **Alfalfa hay**, up \$5.00 from last month but down \$5.00 from last year, came in at \$95.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at \$85.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from last month and down \$8.00 from last year.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (19 percent) from December 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, is unchanged from last month but increased 19 points (14 percent) from December 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, DECEMBER 2009, NOVEMBER 2010, AND DECEMBER 15, 2010 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		DEC 2009	NOV 2010	DEC 15 2010	DEC 2009	NOV 2010	DEC 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	42.40	50.60	53.80	43.50	51.70	54.20	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	96.00	116.00	120.00	83.80	101.00	104.00	—
Calves	100#	114.00	134.00	140.00	105.00	124.00	128.00	35
Sheep	100#	46.60	55.50	3/	44.40	54.20	1/	—
Lambs	100#	95.00	144.00	3/	98.70	142.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	3.60	4.55	4.94	52
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	2.22	3.02	2.74	44
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.63	3.31	3.69	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.54	2/	3/	4.68	6.00	6.85	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	3/	31.20	26.90	25.00	34
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	100.00	90.00	95.00	109.00	117.00	121.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	93.00	80.00	85.00	96.20	95.50	94.60	—
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING 4/			UNITED STATES			
		NOV 2009	OCT 2010	NOV 2010	DEC 2009	NOV 2010	DEC 15 2010	
All Commodities			108	108	106	135	136	136
All Crops			158	155	150	150	152	154
All Livestock and Products			98	102	97	119	115	118

1/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales. 3/ Mid-month price discontinued July 2010.

4/ Mid-month Wyoming price index discontinued July 2010.

**NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

## WYOMING DRY BEAN PRODUCTION HIGHEST SINCE 1981

**SMALL GRAINS:** The 2010 Wyoming **winter wheat** production decreased 7 percent from last year to 4,640 million bushels. Farmers harvested 145,000 acres, up 13,000 acres from 2009. Yields averaged 32.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels per acre from last year. **Barley** production, at 6,076 million bushels, was down 10 percent from 2009. Acreage harvested at 62,000 was down 2,000 acres and yield at 98.0 was down 7.0 bushels per acre. Production of **oats** in Wyoming in 2010 was at 549,000 bushels, down 10 percent from 2009. The average yield was unchanged from last year at 61.0 bushels per acre with 9,000 acres harvested for grain, down 1,000 acres from last year.

**ROW CROPS:** **Corn for grain** production in Wyoming during 2010 totaled 6.05 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Growers harvested 50,000 acres for grain, up 5,000 acres from last year. Yields averaged 121 bushels per acre, down 19 bushels per acre from last year. **Corn silage** production, at 660,000 tons, was up 3 percent from the previous year; harvested acres were down 2,000 from last year. **All dry bean** production totaled 1,024,000 hundredweight, up 51 percent from 2009. Harvested area, at 47,000 acres, was up

13,000 acres from last year. Average yield was up 9 percent at 2,180 pounds per acre. **Pinto bean** production in Wyoming totaled 899,000 hundredweight, **great northern bean** production was 45,000 hundredweight, and **navy bean** production totaled 17,000 hundredweight. There was also 63,000 hundredweight of **other dry bean** types produced. **Sugarbeet** production totaled 821,000 tons, up 21 percent from last year. Harvested acreage was up 4,800 acres from 2009, average yield, at 27.0 tons per acre, was up 0.5 tons per acre.

**HAY:** **All hay** production in Wyoming totaled 2.467 million tons in 2010, down 3 percent from the previous year. **Alfalfa** hay production totaled 1.612 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. Alfalfa acreage harvested was down 70,000, the average yield was up 0.1 ton to 2.6 tons per acre. **Other hay** production totaled 855,000 tons, up 5 percent from 2009. Acreage cut for all other hay totaled 570,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2009. Average yield for other hay was 1.5 tons per acre, up 0.1 from 2009. A total of 30,000 acres were newly seeded to **alfalfa**, down 5,000 acres from 2009 and unchanged from 2008.

**Annual Crop Summary, 2009 and 2010**

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010/2009
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>1,000 Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>	
<b>Wyoming</b>									
Corn									
Grain <sup>1</sup> (bu)	90	90	45	50	140.0	121.0	6,300	6,050	96
Silage (tons)	--	--	32	30	20.0	22.0	640	660	103
Oats (bu)	40	34	10	9	61.0	61.0	610	549	90
Winter Wheat (bu)	155	165	132	145	38.0	32.0	5,016	4,640	93
Spring Wheat <sup>2</sup> (bu)									
Barley <sup>3</sup> (bu)	80	75	64	62	105.0	98.0	6,720	6,076	90
Sugarbeets (tons)	32.4	30.5	25.6	30.4	26.5	27.0	678	821	121
Dry Beans (cwt)	37.5	49.0	34.0	47.0	20.0	21.8	680	1,024	151
Pinto	31.6	42.9	28.4	41.2	20.0	21.8	569	899	158
Great Northern	0.8	2.0	0.7	1.9	18.0	23.7	13	45	346
Navy	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	17.4	18.9	17	17	100
Other Classes	4.0	3.1	3.9	3.0	20.7	21.0	81	63	78
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	690	620	2.50	2.60	1,725	1,612	93
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	580	570	1.40	1.50	812	855	105
All Hay (tons)	--	--	1,270	1,190	2.00	2.07	2,537	2,467	97
<b>United States</b>									
Corn									
Grain <sup>1</sup> (bu)	86,382	88,192	79,490	81,446	164.7	152.8	13,091,862	12,446,865	95
Silage (tons)	--	--	5,605	5,567	19.3	19.3	108,209	107,314	99
Winter Wheat (bu)	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236	97
Spring Wheat (bu)	13,268	13,698	12,955	13,359	45.1	46.1	584,411	615,975	105
Oats (bu)	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,263	67.5	64.3	93,081	81,190	87
Barley (bu)	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,465	73.0	73.1	227,323	180,268	79
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,185.8	1,171.4	1,148.5	1,155.7	25.9	27.6	29,783	31,945	107
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,540	1,911.4	1,464	1,842.7	17.4	17.3	25,427	31,801	125
Pinto	690.3	842.7	654.6	809.7	16.7	17.1	10,914	13,814	127
Great Northern	54	79	48	70	20.7	20.1	999	1,403	140
Navy	194.9	279.5	186.5	271.7	17.9	17.5	3,332	4,766	143
Other Classes	59.9	51.7	56.6	49.6	18.3	18.8	1,033	930	90
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	21,247	19,956	3.35	3.40	71,072	67,903	96
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	38,528	39,906	1.99	1.95	76,628	77,653	101
All Hay (tons)	--	--	59,755	59,862	2.47	2.43	147,700	145,556	99

<sup>1</sup> Corn Planted for all purposes, Harvested for Grain.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2009.

<sup>3</sup> Includes area planted preceding fall.

**U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP 10 PERCENT;  
WYOMING DOWN 15 PERCENT**

Wyoming farmers seeded an estimated 140,000 acres of **winter wheat** for harvest in 2011. This is down 15 percent from 2010 and down 10 percent from the 2009 crop.

**Nationally**, winter wheat seeded area for 2011 is expected to total 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but 5 percent below 2009. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.6 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.76 million; and White Winter, 3.66 million.

**WINTER WHEAT: AREA SEEDED  
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2009-2011**

State	Crop Year			11/10
	2009	2010	2011	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
CO	2,600	2,450	2,500	102
KS	9,300	8,400	8,800	105
MT	2,550	2,050	2,200	107
NE	1,700	1,600	1,550	97
OK	5,700	5,300	5,400	102
SD	1,700	1,350	1,650	122
TX	6,400	5,700	5,750	101
<b>WY</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>85</b>
U.S.	43,346	37,335	40,990	110

**WYOMING HOG INVENTORY UP 14 PERCENT**

The December 1, 2010 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 99,000 head, compared with 87,000 head last year. Breeding inventory was 28,000, unchanged from last year. Market hogs came in at 71,000, up 12,000 from last year. The market hogs on hand consisted of 42,000 head (59%) under 50 pounds, 14,000 (20%) weighing between 50 and 119 pounds, 10,000 (14%) between 120 and 179 pounds and 5,000 (7%) weighing 180 pounds and over.

A total of 64,000 sows farrowed during the 12-month period ending December 1, 2010. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.61 for an annual pig crop of 679,000 pigs. The pig crop was up 15 percent from the same period a year earlier, when 62,000 sows farrowed 593,000 pigs.

**UNITED STATES:** All hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The September-November 2010 pig crop**, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding

herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP,  
WYOMING AND U.S., 2009-2010**

	2009	2010	10/09
	1,000 head		Percent
<b>WYOMING</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	87	99	114
for Breeding	28	28	100
for Market	59	71	120
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	62.0	64.0	103
Annual Pig Crop	593.0	679.0	115
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	64,887	64,325	99
for Breeding	5,850	5,778	99
for Market	59,037	58,547	99
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	11,904	11,555	97
Annual Pig Crop	114,542.0	112,988.8	99

1/ December preceding year.

**U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT**

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above January 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.18 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2010.

**Placements** in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million, 16 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 495,000, 700-799 pounds were 440,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 380,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2009. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 65,000 during December, 10 percent below 2009.

**CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS,  
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY, 2010-2011 1/**

State	On Feed Dec 1, 2010	Place- ments Dec 2010	Market- ings Dec 2010	Other Disapp. Dec 2010	On Feed Jan 1, 2011	On Feed Jan 1, 2010
	Thousand Head					
CO	1,090	160	165	5	1,080	1,010
KS	2,360	410	480	10	2,280	2,250
NE	2,460	380	400	10	2,430	2,360
TX	2,840	420	400	20	2,840	2,680
Oth						
Sts.	2,864	425	382	20	2,709	2,708
U.S.	11,614	1,795	1,827	65	11,517	11,008

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## WYOMING COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM OCTOBER

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during November 2010 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 1 percent from November 2009 and 300,000 pounds more than last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Seven hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during November, equal to the number slaughtered a year ago and four hundred more head than last month. Total live weight was 765,000 pounds, down 3 percent from the previous November. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,170 pounds, down 110 pounds from last month.

A total of 200 **commercial hogs** were processed, equal to November of last year but 100 head more than last month. Total live weight, at 62,000 pounds, was up 9 percent from November 2009. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 254 pounds, up 5 pounds from the previous month.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in November, down 100 head from the same time last year and up 100 head from last month. Total live weight was 12,000 pounds, down 33 percent from the previous November. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 150 pounds, up 33 pounds from the same time last year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in November, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009.

**Beef production** at 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.97 million head, up 5 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November 2009.

**January to November 2010 commercial red meat production** was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2009 AND 2010, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	Nov 2009	Nov 2010	Nov 2009	Nov 2010	10/09	Nov 2009	Nov 2010	Nov 2009	Nov 2010	10/09
			1,000 Pounds	Percent				1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	700	700	787	765	97.2	2,600,700	2,876,400	3,364,224	3,724,042	110.7
Hogs	200	200	57	62	108.8	9,461,800	9,970,200	2,573,026	2,770,254	107.7
Sheep & Lambs	200	100	18	12	66.7	219,300	218,000	28,693	28,597	99.7

## WYOMING MILK COWS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during October - December 2010 averaged 6,000 head. The number was unchanged from both the previous quarter and the same quarter last year. Milk production during the fourth quarter of 2010 was 31.4 million pounds, unchanged from the previous quarter and up 2.1 million from the same quarter last year.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 47.5 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 36,000 head more than the same period last year.

## MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., OCT-DEC, 2009 AND 2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		10/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>WY</b>	6.0	6.0	29.3	31.4	107
CA	1,765	1,749	9,626	9,988	104
CO	116	122	659	719	109
ID	548	573	3,020	3,219	107
MT	15	14	73	69	94
NE	60	58	301	288	96
SD	93	90	468	463	99
UT	83	85	439	451	103
WI	1,258	1,265	6,305	6,349	101
<b>US</b>	9,090	9,126	46,265	47,543	103

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.